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**Testimony of Rep. Ann Hraychuck
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Regarding Assembly Bill 355**

Good morning, Chairman Milroy and committee members. I appreciate the opportunity to speak today about Assembly Bill 355.

Under current law, hunters who purchase a bow license during the open season are restricted from hunting until three days after the license is issued, excluding the date of issuance.

AB 355 would repeal the three day waiting period for bow hunters who have purchased a deer hunting license during the open season.

This restriction has been in place since the 1980's, when there was concern over hunters tagging deer shot by others. The three day waiting period for gun deer hunters was repealed five years ago, under Wisconsin Act 313 (2003 Senate Bill 407), with no negative effects. This bill seeks to do the same for bow and arrow deer hunting licenses.

AB 355 simplifies the rules and regulations for buying a bow hunting license and makes the law consistent with other hunting license purchases.

Thank you for your time.